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THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF FOREIGN
MINISTER PAK TONG-CHIN'S REMARKS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING
HIS SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE

Q: WOULD YOU FILL US IN ON YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
SECRETARY?

A: WELL, WE TOUCHED ON CERTAIN MATTERS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST.

Q: IS THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT PLANNING TO INDICT MR. KIM,
THE FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, (INAUDIBLE) HIS
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REPATRIATION BACK TO KOREA?

A: I DON'T KNOW. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE
DECIDED BY OUR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

Q: DID YOU DISCUSS THAT AT ALL TODAY?

A: NO, I DIDN'T.

Q: WHAT ABOUT TONG SUN PARK?

A: WE TOUCHED ON IT.

Q: DID YOU REACH ANY AGREEMENT ON IT?

A: YES, THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US TO PUT AN END TO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Q: IN WHAT WAY?

A: IN A FRIENDLY WAY.

Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT US-KOREAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED BECAUSE OF THIS WHOLE AFFAIR?

A: WELL, ACCORDING TO YOUR PRESS THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SUCH IMPRESSION.

Q: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

A: I AM VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT IT. I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS MUST BE LIKE THIS.

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Q: ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE SOME SPECIFIC ACTION TO BRING THIS AFFAIR TO AN END?

A: WELL, WE WILL CONSIDER THIS MATTER. I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR IDEA ABOUT THIS NOW.

Q: ARE WE LIKELY TO SEE TONG SUN PARK IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE?

A: WELL, I HAVE TO SEE WHAT HE FEELS ABOUT IT. IT'S UP TO HIM.

Q: ARE YOU CLOSER TO BRINGING THIS AFFAIR TO AN END, AS YOU SAY, THAN YOU WERE BEFORE YOU MET WITH THE SECRETARY?

A: I DON'T THINK SO. NO, WE JUST -- WE BOTH EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION, THAT'S ALL, AND THEREFORE TO PROLONG THE SITUATION WILL CERTAINLY NOT HELP OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN PROMOTING FRIENDLY COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE.

Q: IS IT FAIR TO SAY YOU MADE NO PROGRESS THEN?

A: I BEG YOUR PARDON?

Q: WERE YOU SAYING THAT YOU MADE NO PROGRESS?

A: NO COMMENT.

Q: ARE YOU WORRIED SIR ...?

A: THAT'S ENOUGH. I THINK THAT'S IT. DON'T EXPECT ME
TO SAY EVERYTHING ABOUT MY TALK THAT I HAD WITH THE GREAT
SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Q: WILL YOU SEE MR. VANCE AGAIN IN NEW YORK?

A: I DON'T KNOW IT ALL DEPENDS. THANK YOU. END QUOTE
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